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SUBJECT:ARMS EXPORT APPLICATIONS FOR PRIVATE CONSIGNEES
IN LEBANON

1. DEPARTMENT (MC) HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED NUMBER OF
APPLICATIONS REQUESTING LICENSING FOR SALE OF .45 CALIBER
PISTOLS, SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION TO VARIOUS PRIVATE
CONSIGNEES IN LEBANON.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS IN THE PAST SOMETIMES REQUESTED EMBASSY
TO DO END USE CHECK TO ASSURE THAT THESE WEAPONS WERE NOT
INTENDED FOR FEDAYEEN, OR OTHER COMPARABLE GROUPS.

3. WE HAVE THREE APPLICATIONS AT PRESENT, INCLUDING NUMBER
91669 FOR 400 .45 CALIBER PISTOLS, VALUED AT \$43,080;
NUMBER 92892 FOR 1,000 .45 CALIBER PISTOLS, 1,000 MAGAZINES,
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AND 20,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF

\$163,680, AND NUMBER 93578 FOR 80,000 ROUNDS OF .45 CALIBER AMMUNITION, VALUED AT \$14,000. ALL OF THE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY COLT INDUSTRIES, HARTFORD, CONN., AND THE CONSIGNEE IN EACH INSTANCE IS SARKIS SOGHANALIAN, UNITED INDUSTRIES, P.O. BOX 7566, BEIRUT.

4. IN ADDITION TO OUR CONCERN THAT THESE WEAPONS MIGHT FIND THEIR WAY TO FEDAYEEN, DEPARTMENT ALSO WONDERS WHETHER ANY OF THESE WEAPONS MIGHT BE USED TO FUEL DOMESTIC MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN ARMS RACE INSIDE LEBANON.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT. KISSINGER

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